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**“BAND-AID BANDIT” AND PARTNER INDICTED ON
SIX BANK ROBBERIES AND ADDITIONAL FIREARMS CHARGES**

Tampa, FL - United States Attorney Paul I. Perez announced today the return of a twelve-count indictment charging Rafael Angel Rondon, age 50, of Clermont, Florida, and Emerigildo Roman, age 49, of Davenport, Florida with six counts of bank robbery. In addition, Roman was charged with six counts of carrying a firearm during the robberies and Rondon was charged with five counts of carrying a firearm. The pair was arrested on July 20, 2006, and charged in a complaint with three bank robberies.

If convicted, the maximum penalty for the bank robbery charges is 25 years' imprisonment and the maximum penalties for the firearms charges are seven years' imprisonment for the first charge, followed by 25 years' imprisonment for each additional firearms charge which must run consecutive to any other sentence imposed.

Today's indictment charges the defendants with the following robberies:

10/22/04 Capital City Bank, 7101 Mariner Blvd., Spring Hill, FL
12/9/04 Gold Bank, 1201 Beneva Road, Sarasota, FL
5/17/05 Colonial Bank, 6213 SR 54, New Port Richey, FL
10/28/05 Mercantile Bank, 3201 S. MacDill Avenue, Tampa, FL
12/22/05 Wachovia Bank, 14166 US 10, Hudson, FL
7/13/06 Fifth Third Bank, 11030 49th Street, Pinellas Park, FL

This case was investigated by the Band-Aid Bandit Task Force established in May of 2003 and consists of the following agencies: the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the United States Attorney's Office, the Citrus County Sheriff's Office, the Ocala Police Department, the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office, the Sumter County Sheriff's Office, the Pinellas Park Police Department, the Tampa Police Department, Florida Department of Law Enforcement, the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, the Pasco-Pinellas State Attorneys Office, the Pasco County Sheriff's Office, the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office, the Florida Highway Patrol, the Polk County Sheriff's Office, the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, Crime Stoppers of Alachua, Pinellas, Polk, Sarasota and West Central Florida and the Florida Banker's Association.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Colleen Murphy Davis.

An indictment is merely a formal charge that a defendant has committed a violation of the federal criminal laws, and every defendant is presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty.
